

STORIES OF DEATH, DESOLATION AND ANGUISH TOLD BY HALF-CRAZED REFUGEES FROM A STRICKEN DISTRICT

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toni, minister of foreign affairs, whose emotion was profound.

The courses and theaters have been closed throughout Italy and dispatches of sympathy continue to pour in from all quarters of the globe.

At the time the earthquake the torpedo boat Sappho was lying in the harbor at Messina, and one of the officers told of the occurrence as follows:

"At 5:30 in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, and people began to pick up our boat and shake it. Other craft nearby were similarly treated, and the ships looked like bits of cork bobbing about in a tidal wave of huge proportions swept across the strait, mounting the coasts and carrying everything before it. Scores of ships were damaged and the Hungarian mail boat Andrassy parted her anchors and went crashing into other vessels. Messina bay was wiped out, and the sea was soon covered with masses of wreckage, which were carried off in the arms of the receding waves."

Eight sailors from the Sappho were landed and took up the work of rescue. Officers and men from Italian and British steamers also went ashore as soon as possible, the Britishers saving a family of five who were imprisoned in a burning building. Many prisoners from the jails made their escape and looted right and left. Hundreds engaged in the work of robbing the banks and business houses. In the opinion of officers of the Sappho half the population of Messina perished.

King Victor Emmanuel and the queen, who left for the scene of the calamity, reached Naples tonight and proceeded at once to Sicily. A large number of the king's majesties departed from Rome, and one among a number of deputies at the station observed to the king:

"The presence of your majesty will suffice to console the stricken people. The king turned sharply upon the speaker and said abruptly:

"Don't talk nonsense."

Geographical Changes.

Reports indicate that the geography of the straits of Messina has been so changed as to cause apprehension of serious commercial and strategic difficulties. It is believed navigation has become extremely dangerous, in which case the fortifications will be useless. The famous whirlpool of Charybdis, it is said, has shifted its position.

Desperate calls have been made from Messina, but these remain unanswered, and fears are entertained that Fortisauria, near Messina, has been destroyed, as the wireless station installed there is one of the most powerful in Italy, and is evidently not working. The catastrophe has aroused the superstitions of the entire populace, who are running about the country calling upon all the saints and imploring mercy. The superstition has been increased by the rumor that in the general destruction of Messina the statue of Saint Rose remained unharmed.

The work of rescue at Messina, according to the meager details received here tonight, presented harrowing scenes. Hundreds of people were pinned under walls and rafters alive, but terribly injured, for thirty hours. One of the rescuers found under the ruins of a house five children alive, but unable to speak. Lying around the corpse of their mother, in some cases heroic rescuers met death in the falling debris. In one house twenty persons suspended on the fifth floor and unable to reach the street because the lower

floors had been torn away were rescued with a rope by a sailor. Six criminals were killed while attempting to loot the Bank of Sicily, where cash amounting to half a million dollars lay in plain view.

Saw City in Flames.

Refugees from Reggio, who reached Catanzaro, said that they could see huge columns of smoke rising from the ruins of Messina. They affirmed that Reggio, Cannitello and Lazzaro were destroyed. A tidal wave washed the railroad between Lazzaro and Reggio and a small army of men are working desperately to re-establish communication with the latter place, for which a train with troops and telegraphers has started.

Latest reports received state that 4000 Vatican soldiers from the various barracks at Messina were buried under the ruins. The Rock of Charybdis now blocks the entrance to the Strait of Messina. The tidal wave wrecked the lighthouse in the strait, including Faro Becon, and they crashed into the sea.

WORSE THAN INFERNO THAT DANTE PAINTED

CATANIA, Dec. 29.—Refugees are pouring in by trains, steamers and automobiles. They are half-naked and stupefied with terror. Some of them appear almost insane from the horrors through which they have gone. In the beginning they could only babble. "Messina has been devastated; the city has been annihilated."

Little by little some idea of the indescribable horror at Messina was obtained from these unfortunates. They declare that thousands of demented survivors are still wandering about the ruins of the city. A wounded soldier said:

"The spectacle was terrifying beyond words. Dante's 'Inferno' gives you a faint idea as to what happened yesterday morning at Messina. The first shock came before the sun had risen. It shook the city to its very foundation. Immediately the houses began to crumble. Those of us who were not killed at once made our way over undulating floors to the street. The ceilings were crashing down through the rooms, and stairs were rendered unsafe. I found the streets blocked by falling houses."

Dead Everywhere.

"Chimneys, bell towers, entire walls had been thrown down. From every side of me arose the screams and moanings of the wounded. The people were half mad with excitement and fear. Most of them had rushed out in their night clothes. In a little while we were all shivering under a torrential downpour of rain. Everywhere there were dead bodies, nude, disfigured and mutilated. In the ruins I could see arms and legs moving helplessly. From every quarter came piteous appeals for aid."

"The portion of the town down near the water was inundated by the tidal wave. The water reached to the shoulders of the fugitives and swept them away."

"The city hall, the cathedral and the barracks crumbled, and churches, other public buildings and dwellings were reduced to ruins. There were 200 customs agents at the barracks; only forty-one of them were saved. At the railroad station only eight out of 280 employees have been accounted for."

"Many of those who succeeded in escaping with their lives are incapable of relating their experiences coherently. I questioned all who were in a condition to talk. Most of them told the same

story. They said the first thing they knew they were thrown out of bed, and amid crashing ceilings and falling furniture managed to make their way to the street. Then in the blackness of night and amid a pouring rain, that added to their horror and distress, they rushed blindly away amid tumbling buildings and the shrieks and groans of those buried in the ruins. Many while trying to escape were struck down by falling balconies and masonry, and still many others lost their reason, and are today wandering aimlessly in the open fields outside the city."

"The looters and the robbers were shot down dead by the rifles of the soldiers of Italy a dispatch expressing the previous reports from the provinces that a number of villages were ravaged have been confirmed. Seventeen persons are dead at Riposto. The town of Sonnara in Calabria is said to have been destroyed, with the loss of 100 lives."

PRESIDENT TRANSMITS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt, through the state department, today sent to King Victor Emmanuel a message of sympathy, expressing his horror and that of the American people over the disaster which has befallen southern Italy and Sicily by the earthquake visitation.

The president's notes that the American National Red Cross has issued an appeal for contributions to aid the sufferers, and that the organization has notified him that it will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross.

As private cablegram after cablegram confirmed the frightful extent of the catastrophe the Italian embassy attaches freely expressed their grief.

Reason for Delay.

The delay in receipt of official announcement of the news to the embassy from the Italian government is taken by the embassy to mean that the officials in Rome are giving all their attention to the aiding of the stricken region.

"I am sure that every one, from the king down to the humblest soldier, will do everything in his power in this great calamity," said Signor Roberto Cenaro, secretary of the embassy.

Embassador Mayer des Planches is hastening to Washington from New York state, having left the city for a brief rest during the holidays.

Following is the text of the president's message to the king of Italy:

"His Majesty Vittorio Emanuele, Rome:

"With all my countrymen, I am appalled at the dreadful calamity which has befallen your country. I offer my sincerest sympathy. American National Red Cross has issued appeals for contributions for sufferers, and notified me that they will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross."

Work of Red Cross.

The American National Red Cross today sent a telegram over the signature of its president, William H. Taft, to the Italian Red Cross at Rome, in the following language:

"The American Red Cross desires to tender to the Italian Red Cross its profound sympathy because of the terrible earthquake in Italy and Calabria. An appeal has been issued by the American Red Cross for contributions for the benefit of the sufferers."

Miss Mabel T. Boardman of the executive committee of the society today replied to an inquiry by Dr. Her-

bert L. Burrell of Boston, saying it was not thought desirable to send clothing supplies at this time, but that the relief should be in the form of money contributions. Remittances may be made either through the branches of the society or directly to the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

KING AND QUEEN OF ITALY EXTEND AID

ROME, Dec. 29.—Queen Helena has refused to allow her husband, the king, to go alone to the scene of the disaster. She said she would not give up her privilege of sharing her husband's dangers, and consequently both the king and queen left Rome this afternoon for the south.

The royal couple arrived earlier in the day from Naples. The queen explained to a member of her entourage that she considered it her duty to do all in her power to comfort and help her afflicted subjects. The king and queen left the railway station at 10 o'clock. A number of ministers, senators and deputies, together with the mayor of Rome, were at the station to bid them farewell.

Pope Opens Purse.

It was announced here this forenoon that the pope will inaugurate the establishment of an international committee of Roman Catholics the world over to assist the survivors of the catastrophe. The pope heads the subscription list with 1,000,000 lire (\$200,000). It is said King Victor Emmanuel will give 2,000,000 lire for the relief of the victims.

Embassador Grison was the only diplomat to learn of the departure of the king and queen from Rome. He hurried to the railroad station and offered his majesty condolences in the name of the United States, saying that the San Francisco disaster made it possible for him to sympathize with the calamity that had overtaken southern Italy. The king and queen thanked Mr. Grison warmly, and asked him to convey their appreciation to the American government and people.

There was a great crowd at the station to see their majesties. The women cried, and said "God bless you," as they bade farewell to their majesties.

WOMAN REFUGEE TELLS STORY OF THE DISASTER.

CATANIA, Dec. 29.—The following graphic story is told by a woman who arrived here from Messina this morning, badly injured:

"Infernal" is the only word that will adequately describe the fearful and terrifying scene," she said. "When the first shock came most of the city was fast asleep. I was awakened by the rocking of the house. Windows swayed and rattled and crockery and glass crashed to the floor. The next moment I was violently thrown out of my bed to the floor. I was half stunned, but knew that the only thing to do was to make my way outdoors. The streets were filled. Everybody had rushed out to the door. The noise, headless of the rain falling in torrents. Terrified shrieks arose from all sides and we heard frantic appeals for help from the unfortunates pinned beneath the ruins."

"We were uttering all around us, and not one of our party expected to escape alive. My brothers and sisters were with me, and in a frenzy of terror we groped our way through the streets, holding our own against the panic-stricken people clambering over piles of ruins, until we finally reached a place of comparative safety. But this was not done before I was struck down and badly injured by a piece of furniture that fell out of the upper story of a house."

"All along the road we were jostled by scores of fleeing people, half-clad like ourselves. The houses seemed to be crashing to the ground in whatever direction we went."

"Suddenly the sea began to pour into the town. It seemed to me that this must mean the end of everything. The incoming waters rolled in a huge wave, accompanied by a terrifying roar."

"The sky was aglow with the reflection of burning palaces and other buildings, and as if this was not enough there suddenly shot up into the sky a huge burst of flame, followed by a crash that seemed to shake the whole town. This probably was the gas works blowing up."

"Eventually we reached the principal square of Messina. Here we found two or three thousand utterly terrified people assembled. None of us knew what to do. We were all in agony of fear. Men and women prayed, groaned and shrieked. I saw one of the big buildings on the square collapse. It seemed to me that scores of persons were buried beneath the ruins. Then I lost consciousness and I remembered no more."

REFUGEES DRIVEN MAD BY THEIR EXPERIENCE

PALERMO, Dec. 29.—Railroad communication with Messina has been restored. A trainload of refugees came in here this morning, but they are all maddened with terror and no one is capable of giving a connected account of the catastrophe. All agree that Messina has been destroyed, and that the victims will be counted by the tens of thousands. The Triunferia hotel, with ninety guests, was demolished. The city hall, the house, the telegraph offices and the barracks also were destroyed. A tidal wave, thirty feet high, swept up three streets of the city in the height of the confusion following the shock. Hundreds of half-dressed men, women and children who had fled from their houses to the streets were caught in the onrush of waters and drowned or injured.

A trainload of doctors, nurses and hospital equipment has been sent out from here for Messina, and the steamer Marguerita, loaded to the guns with persons who had relatives in the doomed city and others who will join in the relief work, also has left.

The refugees declare that the entire country around Messina has been devastated and that several villages have disappeared. Telegraphic reports have been received here from all parts of the island of Sicily. They say the inhabitants everywhere are terror-stricken, and praying in the streets and churches. Reggio is described as nothing but a vast sepulcher.

The captain of the steamer Washington, which was in the Straits of Messina at the time of the earthquake, says his vessel shuddered as if she had run aground. A thick fog prevailed at the time, and it was impossible for him to see the Messina lighthouse or the Calabrian coast. The Washington was soon surrounded with boats appealing for aid. The people were taken on board. The

sea was littered with wreckage in every direction.

Among those who lost their lives at Messina are commandant Passino and all the members of his family.

The Russian warships that were at Syracuse also have left for Messina to aid in the work of rescue.

AMERICAN CONSUL AND WIFE AMONG VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—That Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife, lost their lives in the earthquake disaster which devastated that city yesterday is indicated by an official dispatch received tonight by the state department from Stuart Lupton, American vice-consul at Messina.

The following dispatch came via Malta, Maltese islands, in the Mediterranean, being received there by wireless from Messina by Consul William H. Gale and transmitted by him to the state department:

"The Messina consulate destroyed and consul and wife supposed to be dead."

Consul Gale, in forwarding the dispatch by cable, added that Lupton is supposed to have escaped. He stated that a British warship had left Malta for Messina to assist in the work of rescue.

Arthur S. Cheney is a native of Illinois, but was appointed consul to Messina from Connecticut August 15, 1907. Mr. Lupton, who is from Tennessee, was only recently appointed vice and deputy consul at Messina, and had just arrived at his post, succeeding J. Pierce, an Italian.

RUSHING SOLDIERS TO SCENE OF DISASTER

ROME, Dec. 29.—The government is sending troops with the utmost dispatch by land and sea to the scene of the earthquake disaster. Four thousand men from the garrison at Rome already are on their way. Various steamship companies have placed vessels at the disposal of the government, and the existing system of wireless communication is increased. Wireless messages will be transmitted by warships from the straits.

The Tribune publishes an interview with a refugee who made his way into Monte Leone in Calabria. This man says the entire countryside is crowded with victims of the disaster.

Many hundreds of living persons are still beneath the ruins in Calabrian towns, but it is quite impossible to relieve them.

At Riposto the tidal wave was terrific. At first the sea receded, and then a great distance from the shore, and then it swept forward with tremendous violence. The water, advancing in a huge wave, swept before it every house and building for a thousand feet from the shore line. The waters rushed through the streets of Riposto to a depth of from ten to twenty feet.

WILL SEND FUNDS THROUGH RED CROSS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Count Massigli, the Italian consul-general here, has issued the following statement:

"Subscriptions for the relief of the victims of the earthquake in Sicily and Calabria are officially open at the consulate general of Italy, 220 Lexington street, New York City; at the Italian chamber of commerce, 203 Broadway, and at the office of the delegate of the Italian Red Cross, 69 Wall street. The amount of the subscriptions will be sent at once to the Italian Red Cross in Rome, whose efficient relief of past calamities has been universally recognized."

MOUNT ETNA SHOWS UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 29.—Mount Etna is this morning showing considerable activity, and the detonations, which can be plainly heard in this city, together with the volume of smoke rolling out of the crater, have added to the panic of the people.

According to the director of the local observatory, this activity is directly connected with the earthquakes of yesterday which wrought such havoc in Calabria and Sicily, but a great eruption is not expected. Such phenomena seldom accompany violent seismic disturbances.

BATTLESHIPS SENT TO RENDER ASSISTANCE

MALTA, Dec. 29.—The British battleship Exmouth and the cruisers Euralus and Minerva, commanded by Admiral Sir Arthur Curzon-Hewitt, left here today for Messina to render every assistance possible to the survivors of the disaster. The British cruiser Sutej, which was on her way from Messina to this port, was intercepted by wireless last night and sent back to Messina.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The minister of marine has ordered the French battleships Justice and Verite and three torpedo boat destroyers to proceed to Messina to succor the victims.

ITALIANS OF CHICAGO ARE DEEPLY MOVED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The earthquake in southern Italy has thrown Chicago's Italian colony into a state of consternation and despair. The Italian consulate was overrun with frantic visitors who clamored for direct news of relatives and friends, and several Italian theaters closed their doors. At the Bella Italia, a favorite gathering place on Des Plaines street, several hundred listened while one of them translated the English columns into Italian. His voice was frequently drowned by cries and sobs and the shrieks of hysterical women.

VIEW OF PROMINENT SCIENTISTS EXPRESSED

LONDON, Dec. 29.—John Milne, the well-known seismologist of the Isle of Wight, said that his records showed the recent earthquake to be the most severe experienced in Europe in many years. He fears that when the full effects are known the loss of life will prove to be even more appalling than the present reports indicate. The shocks were as severe as those which devastated San Francisco and Valparaiso.

VIENNA, Dec. 29.—Prof. Edward Suess, the celebrated geologist, says he believes the earthquake in Sicily was not due to chronic eruptions, but to the subsidence of the earth's crust, and that it is likely to be followed by a volcanic movement.

MANY TRAVELERS AMONG VICTIMS.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The minister of the interior has a telegram from Messina saying that the bodies of seventy English travelers and thirty Germans were buried beneath the ruins of the Hotel Trinaria, at Messina, and Bellevue, at Messina.

ENGLAND MANIFESTS KEENEST SYMPATHY

LONDON, Dec. 29.—King Edward was greatly affected by the news of the calamity that has befallen Italy and wired his sincere condolences to the king.

The London morning papers published editorially earnestly appealing to the British public for a prompt and generous response to the lord mayor's call for funds to help a friendly nation in the face of a calamity which is among the greatest of modern times.

The lord mayor, in addressing a meeting tonight, made eloquent reference to the sadness of the terrible visitation to the land of sunshine, song and music. He was sure that his fellow-countrymen would not fail to be asked to give assistance to such a cause.

TAMMANY HALL IS GENEROUS TO VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Tammany Hall, at a meeting tonight, subscribed \$2500 for the relief of the stricken people of Italy. An announcement was made tonight that the Metropolitan opera house on Sunday evening, January 10, for the sufferers, for which all the Italian singers have offered their services. Signor Caruso, the tenor, was one of the first to contribute to the relief fund. He subscribed \$2000.

St. Louis Responds

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Leighton Shields, secretary of the Missouri branch of the National Red Cross society, took immediate steps today toward the collection of funds to be sent to the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

"The Italian Red Cross society responded nobly when San Francisco was devastated," said Mr. Shields. "We should do as much for them."

Message of Sympathy.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—President Fallieres has sent a telegram of condolence to King Victor Emmanuel. Premier Clemenceau has sent a similar message to the Italian premier, while M. Picbon, the French foreign minister, has communicated his sympathy to the Italian minister of foreign affairs.

Many Americans Here.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—From the tabulations made up tonight, it is apparent that there are about 100 New Englanders in Sicily or southern Italy. John T. Townbridge of Boston, the author, and Mrs. Townbridge landed in Naples on December 12 and are on their way to Sicily and spend some time.

BOARD NOW DESIRED ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Superintendent A. C. Nelson and Others to Work for Proposition.

A. C. Nelson, superintendent of public instruction, and several others, will go before the coming legislature and attempt to secure a board of public buildings on public buildings, whose business it shall be to examine all public buildings when completed and accept or reject them. The purpose of the board, as outlined by Mr. Nelson, is to secure proper ventilation in public buildings, and especially in schoolhouses.

"We expended \$40,000 in school buildings in the last year," said Mr. Nelson Tuesday, "but little or no assurance of proper ventilation is given us. In some of these buildings the ventilation is good in others, decidedly bad. This is a menace to the health of hundreds of the school children of the state."

The expense of such a board would be nominal, Mr. Nelson believes, remarking that the board of three members is contemplated, made up of an architect, a state health officer and the superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Nelson will also present another bill to the legislature requiring applicants for schoolhouse licenses to be graduates of high schools, or to have taken an equivalent course, before they are eligible to take the examination for teachers' certificates.

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WILL OF SPRECKELS IS FILED FOR PROBATE

Widow Gets Life Interest in Vast Estate, Which Is Left to Children.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The will of the late Claus Spreckels, which was filed today with the county clerk, provides that the widow, Anna Spreckels, is given a life interest in the estate, which, after her death, is to be divided between her three children, Claus A. Spreckels, Rudolf Spreckels and John Ferri of Kingswood, England. The testament reads that the two sons, John D. and Adolph, have been provided for during the life of the testator. The value of the estate is not given, but it has been estimated as high as \$500,000.

Mrs. Anna Spreckels, who is now 70 years old, will receive the net income of the properties while she lives, after which the three legatees will share alike, excepting the portion that Mrs. Ferri's share is to receive. The portion of the estate which Mrs. Spreckels will receive is to be divided among the surviving children, and the portion of the estate which Mrs. Spreckels will receive is to be divided among the surviving children, and the portion of the estate which Mrs. Spreckels will receive is to be divided among the surviving children.

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THERE WILL be a ball at eight o'clock, twenty-third ward meeting house, to be given under the auspices of the annual festival, which promises to be a most enjoyable affair. Music will be furnished by the Big Four orchestra, and refreshments will be served. The proceeds are for the purpose of installing an additional light in the meeting house.

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